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From: Griffin, Susan

**Sent:** Tue 9/20/2016 9:23:01 PM **Subject:** RE: updated Smurfit update

Thanks Robert. This looks good.

From: Moler, Robert

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 1:16 PM **To:** Sparks, Sara <sparks.sara@epa.gov>

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Subject: updated Smurfit update

FYI – Below is an updated draft of the next community update for Smurfit. Thanks for your feedback. I plan to send it out next week to notice the public meetings. Let me know if you have further thoughts. I will include the Tribal meeting info. if we can get that set too.

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EPA update: Smurfit-Stone Mill Site – Sep 27? -- 2016

You are receiving this message as an update from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about the Smurfit-Stone Mill site in Frenchtown Montana. These messages will be sent out periodically and when new information is available.

Please share this information with other interested people. If you would like to receive these emails directly, please send an email to <a href="mailto:moler.robert@epa.gov">moler.robert@epa.gov</a>. If you do not want to receive these updates, please respond to this email with "REMOVE" in the subject line of the email.

<u>Site investigation</u>: A remedial investigation (RI) of the site is underway. The RI is an important step to understanding the nature and extent of contamination and will provide the framework for any necessary cleanup. The site is currently organized into three operable units (OUs):

• □ □ □ □ □ OU 1 covers approximately 1,200 acres of the site that is largely agricultural lands.
• OU2 is approximately 255 acres and covers the core industrial footprint of the mill
• OU3 includes approximately 1,700 acres that covers the area of the settling ponds and parts of the Clark Fork River floodplain.

In the ongoing investigation, some near surface PCB contamination was recently discovered in OU2. To determine the extent of the PCB contamination, additional 4 ft. deep samples were taken around the area.

Two deep aquifer wells will also be drilled this fall to test for potential contamination in the aquifer.

Risk Assessment (RA): An RA evaluates the potential for adverse human health and ecological effects likely to occur as a result of exposure to chemicals from ongoing and historic releases from the site. EPA has begun development of an RA for the OU 1 portion of the site. EPA Toxicologists Susan Griffin and Dan Wall from the EPA Regional office in Denver will be in Montana in October to visit the site and meet with stakeholders. They are risk assessors for the site and will discuss the status of the OU1 assessment.

<u>Pubic Meetings</u>: The EPA Toxicologists and project leaders will provide an update on the site at two upcoming public meetings:

- Thu. Oct 13 @ 4 p.m. with Missoula County Commissioners in room Annex 151 in the Missoula County Courthouse; 200 W Broadway St; Missoula, MT 59802.
- Thu. Oct. 13 @ 6 p.m. with the West Valley Community Council (WVCC) at the Frenchtown Fire Hall, 16875 Marion Street, Frenchtown MT.

<u>Site Information</u>: Information about the site, contact information, and access to relevant documents can be found on the EPA's website (<a href="http://www.epa.gov/superfund/smurfit-stone">http://www.epa.gov/superfund/smurfit-stone</a>). Physical copies of documents available on the webpage are also available for review or photocopy at two information repositories:

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<u>Project Leaders and Contacts</u> : Please contact us anytime with questions, information, and feedback.
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